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SUBJ: DOT-MOT POLICY REVIEW MEETING

REF: BRADY-O'CONNOR TELECON APRIL 14.

1. FURTHER DISCUSSION BETWEEN BRENNAN (MOT) AND TCO SUGGESTS MAY 23 DATE NOT LIKELY TO BE GOOD, PARTICULARLY IF GOC'S NEW NATIONAL TRANSPORT POLICY EXERCISE TO BE MAIN TOPIC. SENIOR MOT OFFICIALS CONCERNED THIS PROJECT PREPARING FOR MAJOR CABINET PRESENTATION PRESENTLY SCHEDULED MAY 14. THEY FEAR SLIPPAGE IN THAT DATE AS WELL AS NEED FOR SUBSEQUENT CABINET SESSIONS THEY MUST ATTEND. LATE JUNE OR EARLY JULY, BRENNAN SAID, WOULD THUS BE PREFERABLE.

2. HOWEVER, IF TOPICS OTHER THAN NATIONAL TRANSPORT POLICY WERE TO BE DISCUSSED MOT MIGHT BE ABLE TO FIELD A TEAM OF OFFICIALS LOWER IN RANK THAN THOSE IT WOULD REALLY LIKE TO SEND. BRENNAN DOES NOT
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REGARD THIS AS REALLY DESIRABLE AS MOT WISHES TO MAINTAIN DIALOGUE WITH ITS PARTICIPATION AT

EQUIVALENT LEVEL TO U.S. ASSISTANT SECRETARY BINDER.

3. BRENNAN ALSO INDICATED PRESENT MOT THINKING
FAVORS PRESENTATION OF U.S. THINKING REGARDING
REGULATION VS. DEREGULATION IN TRUCKING AND RAIL
WHENEVER MEETING IS HELD. JOHNSON

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